

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 19 are amended.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Kusano, U.S. Patent No. 6,290,310. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kusano fails to disclose a braking system or method with an increasing direction target control value and a decreasing direction target control value being different from each other at least in part of a control range, or a first predetermined relationship that is different than a second predetermined relationship, as variably recited in claims 1, 19 and 20 and as illustrated in Applicant's Fig. 10 and discussed in paragraph [0031], for example.

As agreed during the personal interview, Kusano fails to provide any disclosure as to how hydraulic pressure decreases. Kusano thus fails to disclose all of the features recited in claims 1, 19 and 20 because Kusano fails to provide any disclosure with regard to target control values being different or relationships (between increasing and decreasing direction target control values and an operation state amount of an operating member) being different.


As discussed during the personal interview, Kusano discloses a brake pressure control device in which the target wheel cylinder hydraulic pressure is calculated based on the larger of the pressures in the first pressure chamber PC1 and the second pressure chamber PC2, as measured by pressure sensors PM1 and PM2 (col. 6, lines 21-24 and 45-49). Kusano's Fig. 4 only discloses how the hydraulic pressure increases with an increase in the pedal stroke.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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